LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7815 DATE PREPARED: Feb 10, 1999 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 1625 **BILL AMENDED:** Feb 10, 1999

SUBJECT: License to take an extra turkey.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill allows the Department of Natural Resources to issue a license for a hunter to take an additional turkey. (Current law allows a hunter to take one turkey annually.) (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> This proposal will increase expenses to the Department in that the Department will need to issue a new license. The Department may be able to absorb any additional costs given its current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues: The table below details the number of turkey licenses the Department has sold as well as the amount of revenue generated by the sales for the three preceding fiscal years.

The Number of Turkey Licenses Sold and the Revenue Generated: Fiscal Years 1996-1998					
Fiscal Year	Type of License	Number Sold	License Fee	Revenue	Fiscal Year Total Revenue
1997-98	Resident	15,655	\$14.75	\$230,911	\$273,615
	Non Resident	587	\$72.75	\$42,704	
1996-97	Resident	13,870	\$14.75	\$204,582	\$240,520
	Non Resident	494	\$72.75	\$35,938	
1995-96	Resident	12,843	\$14.75	\$189,434	\$219,698
	Non Resident	416	\$72.75	\$30,264	

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For the three fiscal years, the average number of turkey licenses sold annually equaled 14,620 (including residents and nonresidents) and the average annual revenue generated equaled \$244,600. The current turkey hunting season is in the spring.

The number of licenses sold and the amount of revenue that will be generated as a result of the proposal is indeterminable. However, the impact will depend on the number of licenses that the Department makes available and the number of applications for the licenses.

Fees collected from the sale of hunting licenses are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund which is used to finance the operations of the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources

Local Agencies Affected:

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